

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 to 8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method of directional drilling to produce an underground hole for laying of a pipe comprising ~~the steps of:~~

rotating a pullhead to displace mud to produce said underground hole;

mixing said mud with a drilling fluid to create a slurry; and

guiding said slurry directly to an interior of said pipe causing said slurry to travel along said interior of said pipe to an opposite end of said pipe.

10.(Original) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of removing said slurry from said opposite end of said pipe.

11.(Currently Amended) The method of Claim 9 wherein said step of guiding comprises ~~the steps of:~~

pressurizing said slurry to enter said pullhead; and

funnelling said slurry directly towards said pipe.

Claims 12 to 21 (Cancelled)

22.(New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the step of mixing comprises:

releasing a drilling fluid; and

directing the drilling fluid towards the mud.

23.(New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the step of rotating comprises:

attaching the pullhead, a steel connect and a pipe to a mandrel; and

enabling a motor and a pump to rotate the pullhead.

24. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein the slurry is guided directly to the pipe via the pullhead.